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Name	Camp No.	DC	C-in-C	DO	PDC	CC	PCC	Del	Alt
1. Bishop, Dexter ✓	22				X				
2. Cultrera, Richard ✓	22							X	
3. Dupree, John ✓	25						X		
4. Fraser, Roderick ✓	54					X			
5. Hayes, Donald A	61						X		
6. Johnson, Daniel A	54							X	
7. Lewis, Charles ✓	22					X			
8. London, Kenneth	104						X		
9. Murray, Daniel ✓	104				X				
10. Naughton, William ✓	104	X							
11. Norris, Edward ✓	25				X				
12. Paquette, Michael ✓	Nat'l Rep		X						
13. Smith, Albert ✓	5							X	
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15. Tucker, Kevin excused	104				X				
16. Wilder, John ✓	104						X		
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Memorial Service 140th Annual Department Encampment

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: I would like you all to rise and remove your hats. Heavenly Father we stand before you this morning and ask your blessing at this time of remembrance for our Brothers and Sisters who have been called home to hear heavenly abode. Lord God we thank you for your blessings on each individual gathered here this morning. We ask for comfort strength and peace for all who have suffered loss. In our Lord's name, amen. Please be seated. When I was looking up what the best way to do this particular service there is really nothing out there with all the reams of paper we have managed to use over the years. So, I called Kevin, whom you may or may not know, and asked him what I do here. He said use your own, so that is what I am doing. I just wanted to let you know that this is a time which we can all say to ourselves, gee I can remember so-and-so and what a wonderful life they had and what a wonderful life that I am having because of them. So, at this time I inviting anyone who would like to come up and speak about, doesn't have to be last year, but all of those in the past that you may have personal relationships with. This is your time to reflect. Do we have anyone who wishes to do that?

Brother Charles Lewis: I would like to reflect on one of the guys at the Chelsea Soldiers Home simply because of the violence here for 3 or 4 days a week and **listen to** this guy from back in World War II when a ship that was bombed in 1941. He was almost 100 years old, and I couldn't believe his memory. I would ask him questions and he would talk about the talk about the greatest generation that lived through the depression and World War II. Also, at the Chelsea Soldiers Home most of the guys were in the military. I had my 1st job at the Veterans Administration Hospital way back in 1960. It was the reason I came to Boston. I remember someone reminiscing about the Spanish-American war and if you recall the Spanish-American War was in the late 19th century. It only lasted a few months. But what really stuck to my gourd with these veterans of World War I. There were quite a few World War I veterans living in 1963. But in the Chelsea Soldiers home among all these veterans, I never knew about the Chosin Reservoir, the Korean War and learned about them just by volunteering to listen to these guys. There was a great deal of wisdom just talking to these guys. My family was in World War II and that was what really liberated us, I hate to say it, from working in the fields. I picked cotton down in Alabama. But listening to these guys talk, it forced me to go and do research on World War II and the Great Depression of the 30s. After the war the veterans had upward mobility because of the education available to them in Massachusetts. When these veterans pass away a part of my world passes away. It forced me to go and do some research on the Great Depression and World War II. It is only because of veterans in general that we have the Soldiers home.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: I would like to remember Past National President of the Auxiliary, Jan Harding she was from my Department. I was talking with Linda Murray last night and she knew Jan in the Auxiliary. I never knew Jan as a National Officer but since she was in a Camp in my Department that is how I know her. She was a force to be reckoned with. A very intelligent strong-willed woman whose dedication to the principles of what the Auxiliary is all about was admirable. She provided many years of service to the Auxiliary, and she never left us at the Department level, the Department of Maryland, when we changed our name to the

Department of the Chesapeake. She never let the men forget about the ladies who were in the Auxiliary. Because I think that at times, at least in my Department. we get so focused on what the men are doing that sometimes we forget the ladies are there. She would never let us forget. But I wanted to say something this morning just to remember her memory and what she contributed to both of our organizations.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Anyone else? Hearing none we will present the flowers in memory of National, Department and Camps. (Brothers placed flowers) We placed these flowers today as a memory of those at National, Department and Camps to remember that they are grooming us a place where they are enjoying where they are, no pain, no problems and no suffering. We thank God for that knowledge. Thank you.
May the grace of our Lord and his love be with us this day as we turn to the business of our Order, Amen.

Business Meeting

Commander William Naughton: The Officers and members of the 140th Annual Encampment for the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Guide, determine if everyone present is entitled to remain. Judging from looking out at the faces, I assume all are entitled to remain. Secretary, call the role of the Officers of the Department.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander William Naughton?

Commander William Naughton: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Senior Vice Commander John Dupre? Excused. Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser?

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray? Present. Council member Kevin Tucker? Excused.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Council member Dexter Bishop?

Council Dexter Bishop: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Council member George Maple? I believe he is absent. Patriotic Instructor Ken London? Absent.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Chaplain Dexter Bishop?

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Graves Registration Officer William Naughton?

Commander William Naughton: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Historian Peter Preble? Absent. Counselor Kevin Tucker? Excused.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Eagle Scout Award Officer Ian Knight? Absent.

Secretary Daniel Murray: GAR Highway Officer George Maple? Absent.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Guide Charles Lewis?

Guide Charles Lewis: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Signals Officer Jack Manning? Absent

Secretary Daniel Murray: ROTC Officer Al Smith?

ROTC Officer Al Smith: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Rod Fraser, Clarion call editor?

Clarion Call editor Rod Fraser: Present

Secretary Daniel Murray: I believe that is it for the roll call.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you. Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

All: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander William Naughton: We meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Our heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, who looks down upon the government of men we earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may longer exist and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved and deal with them in all things with your special mercy. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and abide with us, Amen

All: Amen.

Commander William Naughton: Brothers we without give the Pledge of Allegiance

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Commander William Naughton: By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare the 140th Annual Encampment for the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War truly open for the transaction of business that may legally and properly come before it. I want to welcome everybody and thank them for coming out. We do have several guests, we have a couple of very special ladies who are acting as guests and we also have the National Commander in Chief Michael Paquette. Commander if you would like to say a few words?

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: I don't have a problem being put 2nd after the ladies, they always come 1st in my book. It is just a pleasure to be back here in New England. For those of you that don't know I was born and raised in Brookline and aside from the jokes that people in Massachusetts and Rhode Island make about each other's driving skills it is a pleasure to be back up with what I consider to be my home grounds. It is always a pleasure to come back up here and be able to partake of those things that I remember from my childhood. I have an opportunity to visit with my mom on the way up. I have some remarks and am going to make during this Department encampment just to bring you all up to speed on the some of the things I've been doing and some of the things that are going on it National. But I don't want to take time out of

your business meeting to do that so it will be after the Encampment or during lunch. It'll be about 15 or 20 minutes to give you an idea of what is going on across the organization and the other Departments that I've had the opportunity to visit with so far. Let me reemphasize is a real pleasure to be here and I like the dynamic that your department has chosen for its Encampments. If you think back to the GAR and what they did at their reunions and stuff, those Brother's staying in tents and more of the community environment. I think this is a good reminder for us being billeted in a common area and all of the discussions that happened because of that. I think that it is a peek into some of the fraternity that our ancestors must have shared and had that ability to visit one another besides what we are able to do in a restaurant or a formal business meeting. Thank you for this opportunity.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Sir. Moving down the agenda here, the reports of Officers. I know they're all submitted to Dan for inclusion in the in the report. Are there any highlights anything special to say.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Commander my 1st report is the report of the Clarion Call editor. The Clarion Call has been out 4 times, once each quarter, but we only have emails for 102 brothers in the Department. We will be transitioning starting with the next Clarion call from an email-based newsletter to mail champ this year. Gmail only limits us to so many people at one time so we need multiple emails to send out the newsletter. Mail champ would make it easier to track and also we would only have to send it out once. Commander you had asked the Brothers to try to bring in one new member and have the names of the new members listed in the Clarion call. So far this year we haven't had any name submitted, but the previous year we had 17 names submitted. I won't read all the names but they are all in the report.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Sir.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Next is my report as Junior Vice Commander. Based on the calendar year or since last year's encampment has received 16 new members. Of these only for actually came through the Junior Vice Commander in the remaining members were directly recruited through the Camps. I think it is been a good recruiting year and hope we can build on that momentum in 2022. The following new Brothers were brought in the past year, James Fernandez who was brought in at large. Of note, both myself and the Department Secretary Brother Daniel Murray tried to contact Mister Fernandez both by email and phone and have not heard from him even though he has sent in his check and application. Robert Preble Camp 54 brought in by Peter Preble, Mark Preble Junior Camp 54 brought in by Peter Preble, Mark Preble senior Camp 54 brought in by Peter Preble, Jacob Preble Camp 54 brought in by Peter Preble, Eric Sue Gold Camp 54 brought in by Roderick Fraser, Daniel Johnson Camp 54 brought in by Peter Preble, David Martin Camp 3188 brought in by John Manning, Samuel Boyson Camp 50 brought in by Arthur Boyson, Michael Davidson Camp 25 brought in by John Dupre, David Morley camp 3188 brought in by John Manning, Henry Buckley Camp 3188 brought by John Manning, Andrew Kjellberg Camp 25 brought in by George Maple, Michael Ahearn Camp 104 brought it by John Wilder, Joshua Hodge Camp 54 brought in by Roderick Fraser, David Henke Camp 54 brought in by Roderick Fraser and Ron Glidden Camp 54 by Roderick Fraser. That is my report Sir.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Sir.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The Senior Vice Commander could not be here so he sent and is report. He wrote "Commander, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts I represented the Department Commander a National zoom meeting with all Departments. I represented the Department Commander at the recent project New Hope dinner at Grotonwoods. I attended several but not all Officers meetings. Respectfully submitted John Dupre Senior Vice Commander.
For the Secretaries report the Department has 167 members in 11 camps. All reports have been sent in on time. Now the Treasurers report. Due to ongoing problems with the IRS the bill for the CPA went over budget. Just before the Covid pandemic the IRS switched our accounting year from a fiscal to a calendar year. The IRS is going to find us for not submitting our tax reports in a timely manner. Most of the problem has been because the IRS has been working remotely and not in their offices. Both the CPA and I have been dealing with the IRS over this for the last 2 years. It was hopefully resolve this past January when we were put back on our fiscal year. As of March 30, 2022 $14,822.84 in the checking account, there is $34,909.88 in the savings account. The current value of the trusts and CDs is $181,286.60. Current value of the Wells Fargo fund is $954,315.83. The projected annual income from that account is $28,779 which is $1389 more than last year.. Total assets for the Department as of March 31 is $1,185,335.38. Respectfully submitted Daniel Murray Department Treasurer. The problem with the IRS was it somewhere along the line the IRS themselves switched us from a fiscal year to a calendar year. That is when the problem started it has been an ongoing problem for the last 2 or 3 years. I think we finally got it straightened out over the phone and they did send us confirmation of that. We should be all set with the IRS.

Brother Paul Smith: Excuse me, what started the problem with the IRS?

Secretary Daniel Murray: They switched us, we were on a fiscal year April 1 of March 31 and the IRS switched us to a calendar year January 1 to December 31 so all of our tax forms and tax reports were late when they were submitted.

Brother Paul Smith: So you had penalties?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes but the penalties are all gone now. Originally we were assessed $1538, we managed to get that reversed and the IRS has now supposedly put us back on our fiscal year.

Brother Paul Smith: Oh okay.

Brother Edward Norris: Commander our Department bylaws, Article 14 Fiscal Years Section 1 the fiscal year of the Department shall end on March 31, we need to change that.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Why we just switched back. The IRS switched us somewhere along the line, and I don't know if it had to do with National or where it came in, we find out we're on a calendar year.

Commander Chief Michael Paquette: National is not on a calendar year either so I don't know where the confusion came in.

Secretary Daniel Murray: They switched us to a calendar year and we have been dealing with the IRS for 2 years trying to get it switched back.

Brother Edward Norris: Sorry, I missed that part.

Secretary Daniel Murray: That is my report Sir.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Sir.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The Council is next.

Commander William Naughton: Just before you get to the Council I would put a friend on the spot, John like to ask you to talk about what is going on with the archives.

Brother John Wilder: I believe our Department Historian has submitted a report but in addition to that we have been working closely with Peter Preble our Department Historian. We have a display here today over on the table in the corner has some of the stuff from the archives that would be working on down in Rockland. We are down in Rockland, and I hate to say reestablish our archives, because it never existed as archives. It is many many boxes of records so we're trying to develop it into a formal archives. We have been going through in sorting out what actually should be kept it is of historical importance. We've actually been doing archival work against the physical needs and the historic needs. We are making progress, so we have a display today. The other table is some of the duplicate items in general items that are free to people that want them and we would appreciate a small donation. We ask you to keep your eye out on your travels if you find anything either in your camp one of the close camps or anything that should be a Department archives. If you are not sure please reach out to us if you have anything in your camp that is rather old and you would like to see protected. We will be happy to do that and help out anyway we can. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Brother John, if I may? Where do you actually store these things?

Brother John Wilder: There is a preserved GAR Hall in Rockland on the South Shore then we have an office in there. We have full control over it.

Commander William Naughton: Do you have a report from the Council Dexter? Your 2 Brothers have left you.

Council Dexter Bishop: So I have heard. I have the proposed budget but I believe we're taking it up at a later time.

Secretary Daniel Murray: This would be whatever you have done for the last year.

Council Dexter Bishop: What we have done in the last year's monitor expenses and expenditures and we have produced a budget for this year.

Commander William Naughton: Okay, thank you. From the graves registration side we were able to add 131 members to the national database of veterans, soldiers sailors and Marines who fought for the Union side that are buried in Massachusetts. We have also gotten in a supply of veterans markers 1861 to 1865. Brother Dan found a foundry in Pennsylvania that would make them up special for us. All of the national sales of these markers now are focused only on the GAR for the Civil War. So we do have some veterans markers in the budget gets approved we will order more GAR markers. Those are the ones that we have gone through because we have not had any veterans markers. So if you need some just sing out will try to get y you. We also have 17 gallons of D2 left. If you are Camp has a gravestone cleaning project coming up and you need some of that again make my wife happy and we will get some of that out of the garage. Brother Steve Twining found a bin of GAR markers that go into the ground rather than on the stakes. So will have some of those on hand as well. Don't hesitate there's a pallet full of these things and my wife would not mind being able to get her car back in. Any other officer reports? There appears to be none. Okay how about we go to camp reports and any camps that want to make a Report.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: As we all know Camp 5 meets at the GAR Hall in Lynn. We are fortunate to be able to use the facility. This past year the few times we did get to meet were via zoom and then this past month we met in person. Due to a problem with the fire doors in the room where we usually meet we had to be in the Lincoln – Grant library. That is where we are meeting now. We held our elections and the Officers are stable from last year to this. I think that covers it.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Camp 15 has no report.

Commander William Naughton: Okay then, Camp 22.

Brother Charles Lewis: Camp 22 has been devastated due to Covid 19. Right now we are down to 5 members. When this Covid 19 abates we will be conducting an aggressive recruitment program. Right now we don't have access to the nursing home where there are a lot of potential members. I have a potential 9 members who would like to join. Again with our limited access we are handicapped be getting back to our normal strength of members. Thank you.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Camp 25.

Brother Edward Norris: I believe that the Camp Commander sent in the report.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I don't have it. He may have sent it after I left the house.

Brother Edward Norris: I don't know what was in it, so I have no report.

Secretary Daniel Murray: When we break I will look to see if it is in my email. The report of General Darius N. Couch Camp 26. Brothers, we hope this report finds you in all of our Brother's in good health. I am writing to you to advise they Camp 26 continues to struggle with both membership and overall viability. The camp continues holding monthly meetings virtually and support the Department and community where and when we are able. Compounding our circumstances, the few years have seen the loss of our long-term Brothers Charlie Barton and

Michael Hurley. In addition to the deep personal loss of our Brothers we have also lost their institutional knowledge and vast **wealth** of Civil War and community knowledge. Our current roster is currently down to 4 brothers Van Jabagjorian, Chris Cox, Wendell Presbrey and me. Brother Presbrey is currently under the care of the VA and limited in his ability to join us outside of those confines. Although we had a few prospects, our recruitment efforts did not bear fruit last year. Follow-ups with some prospective candidates are ongoing and we remain hopeful. We have reached out to other local veterans groups that we partner with in the community. We are hopeful that we will be successful in recruiting from those groups but those groups like us are struggling with both attrition and recruiting. These circumstances have prompted us to revisit the options that the Department reviewed with us in 2019. Those options include merging with another Camp, becoming a Camp at large or dissolving the Camp. For now, the consensus remains that we stay the course and step up our recruiting efforts in 2022. Respectfully submitted Michael E Rice Commander

Camp 50 didn't send much but they did said some of the activities that participated in. They went to Memorial Day at Hanson Cemetery, Civil War Encampment Founders Day at Island Grove in Abington and they did be Rockland Holiday Stroll in the open house at the GAR. Camp 54?

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Camp 54 worked hard this past year to be active and promote the SUVCW and keep green the memory of the gallant Union soldiers who served so selflessly. In the past year, we have brought in nine new brothers. Camp 54 has taken on the restoration of the Gen. Charles Russell Lowell GAR Plot at Mt Hope Cemetery as a project. In 2021, brothers of the camp cleaned headstones in the plot for the second year in a row. They also cleaned stones in the City of Boston soldiers and Sailors Plot.

The Camp is raising money to restore the two pieces of field artillery at the plot. The Camp received the following Grants for the project: Funding Dept of MASS SUVCW $2,250.00 MHSM $5,250.00 National SUVCW $2,000.00 Charitable Trust 1000 We are currently working with the Boston Historical Cemetery Commission to get approval for the field artillery work. Susie Taylor Memorial Dedication Ceremony The capstone event for Camp 54 was the dedication of the Susie Taylor Memorial. October 2nd was a beautiful day in Boston and the perfect day to dedicate the Susie Baker King Taylor Memorial. We had the honor of being joined by our Commander in Chief Michael Paquette! Department junior vice Commander Roderick Fraser served as Master of ceremonies. Brother Fraser started this project back in 2018 and the memorial was completed in 2020, but COVID restriction kept us from holding a dedication ceremony until this year. Joining us by providing music for the program was the Providence Brigade band (http://www.pbband.org) who added a special touch of solemnity and celebration to the program. The Chaplain of the ceremony was the Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54 Commander; Reverend Peter-Michael Preble. Camp 54 was the host camp for the dedication and has taken on improvements at the Mt Hope Cemetery as a major project. We had the honor of having the Mayor of Boston, Mayor Kim Janey as our keynote speaker. Mayor Janey is the first woman to serve as Mayor of Boston and also the first African American to serve as Mayor. Mayor Janey's speech about the life of Susie Taylor and her contributions to society was excellent. Presenting a brief biography of Susie Taylor was a public historian and Susie Taylor researcher Rebecca Byrd Smith. Mrs. Smith is originally from Boston and traveled up here from South Carolina to be with us and we are thankful for her participation. The Ceremony of

Dedication was conducted by the First Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, led by Brother Kevin Tucker, complete with the firing of a salute with 3volleys. We were joined in the ceremony by the Commander of the Willian E Carter American Legion Post No. 16, Mary-dith Tuitt who presented the symbol of purity. Following the ceremony, the Carter Post hosted a collation and we appreciate their overwhelming assistance to us in this dedication. Representing the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps was Ms. Hermina Glass-Hill, who traveled from Georgia to be with us for this celebration.

Our members participated in the following events: General Frederick W. Lander Grave Rededication On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, Annual Remembrance Day Trip to Gettysburg This year's Remembrance Day trip to Gettysburg was a huge success and we enjoyed excellent weather the entire weekend. Ball's Bluff Battlefield Guided tour.

The Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp held elections on October 21, 2021. The officers elected for 2022: Camp Commander - Roderick Fraser Senior Vice Commander - Peter Preble Junior Vice Commander - Todd Bryda Secretary/Treasurer - Donald Denning Council - Joshua Hodge, Daniel Johnson, Kevin Tucker Officers were subsequently installed by Commander William Naughton on 9 December 2021.

Memorial Ceremony for Sgt. William Carney Camp Commander Roderick Fraser represented the Camp and Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at a memorial ceremony for Medal of Honor recipient William Carney, the first African American to be awarded the MOH. This event was sponsored by the Student Veterans Association of Bristol Community College. Sgt Carney was also a member of the Willian Logan Rodman Camp. No. 1 of the GAR in New Bedford, MA.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Camp 61 submitted their report. Commander Naughton, due to Covid the only item of note for Camp 61 was the participation in the rededication of the Framingham Veterans Memorial. Camp 61 purchase 2 bricks. One for Chip Chambers and the other for Conrad Homan, 29th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry a Medal of Honor recipient. Mark Lewis and Don Hays attended. I arranged a military timeline for the ceremonies. Respectfully submitted Commander Mark Lewis.

Camp 104 also submitted a report. Commander, because of the continuing virus activity was again reduced. We met monthly twice in person and the balance on zoom. The election and installation of Camp Officers took place in November and December at live meetings. They work on the GAR plot at the Wakefield Cemetery was ongoing with the bulk of work being performed by Brother Turechek. He is refurbishing flag holders. Hopefully this year we will be able to get back out in the field. Several camp members participated at Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. Several Camp members participated in the Memorial Day rededication ceremony at the General Frederick Lander gravesite in Salem Massachusetts. Several Camp members attended the national encampment in St. Louis Missouri. Hopefully this report will suffice. And further hopefully more camp activities will take place this year. Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Daniel Geary Camp Commander.

Commander William Naughton: I don't know if it's proper to add to the report from Mark Lewis Camp 61 who said they didn't do much they donated 2 bricks Department and took part in a timeline ceremony. In addition he was busy in many many ways very few of us know about I

going to broadcasted little bit and give them credit. When Chip died naturally Mrs. Chambers and her son Sean kind of pulled back I think. Unfortunately Chip had the charter and a number of items including the gavel. They were unable to locate them and apparently that was as you would believe the last thing on their mind. But Mark stepped up he is a retired police officer and the Commander of Camp 61 and stepped up using a lot of his professional training and using some of his contacts. He did an awful lot of work on behalf of the Department to get materials back for us. So I just wanted to recognize that Camp 61, especially his work in securing those things so that we have them back with the Department.
Any other reports from the Camps for Officers? Anybody else? Guess not. Okay then we shall go to communications.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We just received one from David Demmy the Executive Director and he wants us to share this flyer. You are cordially invited to the Zoom presentation by Claude Berube PhD of the US Naval Academy Museum. This presentation will be the U.S. Navy during the Civil War, Union and Confederate Navy platforms, technologies and strategies. This invitation is extended to the SUVCW and it would like each Department and Camp to provide them with a headcount before May 1. I will leave the flyer here so everyone can read it I will also send it out to the Camps.
The other one is for Project New Hope, Dear Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on behalf of Project New Hope Incorporated would like to thank you for your generous donation through are many services, we can accommodate a multiple of needs. Our food and baby can freeze provide basic needs, such as toiletries, healthy nutrition options, diapers and clothing. Our social events and outreach activities provide community connections and peers support. Our retreats provide hands-on healing opportunities for military servicemen, veterans and their families, who have experienced the invisible wounds of war. Our new case management program helps connect the dots for those struggling with the inherent complexity of our current military system. Since we are connected with all branches of the US military, we often work closely with the Veterans Service Organizations, Veterans Administration programs and military family and veteran led organizations. Having these connections allows us to focus more on the individual, families and children. As always, thank you for your endless support, you are all deeply appreciated and we can never thank you enough for supporting our values and missions. Regards, Susan Wilder executive assistant to President and CEO Bill Moore.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you.

Brother Edward Norris: Commander if it was all right I would like to give Camp 25's report. I just got it from the Camp Commander. He did not submit a formal report but he just wanted to point out that our annual flagging was done at Hope Cemetery in Worcester, we cleaned a number of gravestones with the D2. We have a few members who participated in parades in Vermont in a rededication service in surely Massachusetts at the restored Civil War monument. We also did a field trip to the GAR Hall in Lynn. Thank you Sir.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Brother Norris. Okay, next item on the agenda is unfinished business. I don't believe there is any unfinished business. Report of committees? We don't have any floating out there. Next would be the report of the Department Council which I

expect will be a presentation of the budget. Before we dig into that one why don't we take a short break and we will come back. That will give people time to do what they have to do.

(BREAK)

Commander William Naughton: We will pick up with the order of business. The next order is the presentation by the Council on I suspect it will be the budget.

Council Dexter Bishop: We have a budget. If you would like a copy of the budget I will pass them out. As you can see it was 2 pages but it managed to shrink it down so it is all on one side. It is broken up in sections with the 1st section being the legacy section which covers Department Depot Rent, the Lynn GAR Hall, the Chelsea soldiers home in the Holyoke soldiers home. The total is $5000 and that is basically what we would call double funding. No changes there. In the Maintenance department made Cemetery flag holders we actually spent $2963.55 in this year we are budgeting $2000. Colors maintenance and equipment we spent nothing last year we are budgeting $300.

Brother Edward Norris: I make a motion that we vote on these line by line.

Commander William Naughton: there is a motion on the floor, do we have a 2nd?

Brother John Wilder: I will 2nd that.

Commander William Naughton: We have devotion and a 2nd, is there any discussion? All right the motion is that all the items be voted on line by line made by Brother Norris and seconded by Brother Wilder.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to make an amendment to that that the sound of the gavel on each one if there is no opposition……

Brother Paul Smith: Shouldn't we ask Brother the reason why does he want that?

Brother Edward Norris: It is much easier to go line by line and make the changes as necessary at the time.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to make an amendment that as we go through each line but it is finalized by the sound of the gavel that is passed.

Brother Edward Norris: I will 2nd that.

Commander William Naughton: Okay there is the motion and it has been amended and discussed. Is there any further discussion? All right all those in favor of Brother Norris motion and amended by Brother Murray signify by saying aye. It looks like he carried unanimously. Any opposition or abstentions? So be it.

Council Dexter Bishop: So, I will start over again. The 1st section is the Department depot rent will be paid last year was $1500 and what we propose to pay this year is $1500.

Commander William Naughton: Discussion? Hearing none the line item passes.

Council Dexter Bishop: Lynn GAR rent we spent $1000 last year and we are proposing $1000 for this year

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Commander I would like to bring up what exactly does GAR rent encompass because it was reported that we cannot do Camp meetings there etc. etc. because of the doors.

Council Dexter Bishop: No no we are doing it. It is just that we had to move to a different room

Secretary Daniel Murray: What we are paying for is to store things there. We are storing Department items in the hall.

Brother Edward Norris: What is our anticipated annual income for next year?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Our projected income for the next year is $28,779.

Brother Edward Norris: So we are going about $15,000 over budget.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes but we have 14 or $15,000 in the Checkbook.

Brother Edward Norris: Okay, thank you.

Brother John Wilder: Exactly what we storing in Lynn?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Flags.

Brother John Wilder: Flags?

Council Dexter Bishop: We have flags, we have some uniforms, it is all newer stuff we downstairs we have some closets that are allocated strictly for our stuff.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We use them for parades and ceremonies and it easier to access in Lynn that you have to go to Rockland.

Council Dexter Bishop: If it wasn't being used we would get rid of it but it is to access there. We have all 22 or 23 flags that we had bought for the return of the flags. They are all at the Hall stuff like that. Whenever anybody wants to use something we can get it out for anybody in the Department.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any further discussion on the Lynn GAR rent of $1000? Hearing none. Hearing none the line item passes.

Council Dexter Bishop: Chelsea Soldiers Home this is something that we have been level funding for a number of years now. It was a little tougher this year because of the Covid issues but one of the things we have done and are working towards now is doing a lot of digital programs. We bought a 60 inch TV and it is going into the library up there and whenever we do anything that is related to the camp between the stuff we do over in Lynn we will be able to live screen it there. With a tv there they can watch what is going on in Chelsea or Lynn or wherever

we operate. The roundtable up in Lynn purchased the camera which now makes it possible for us to do things like that and we have a gentleman that is really good at doing the video part.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any other discussion? The line item passes.

Council Dexter Bishop: Next is legacy donations of $5000.

(no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Under maintenance there is flag holders last year we did $2963.65 and this year we're proposing $2000.

Commander William Naughton: Flag holders, is there any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Unknown: unintelligible

Commander William Naughton: I believe that last year we had use funds that hadn't been spent the year before so we put an order in as I recall right at the ....

Secretary Daniel Murray: We put an order and it was $1500 last year and we put an extra $1500 to order 1861 to 1865 veteran stars because you can't get them anymore and we were having them made for us. We were also talking about trying to sell them so we doubled the budget last year. Technically this is an increase over last year. If you listen to the recording from last year the budget was $1500 and then we voted later on to buy extra flight markers.

Unknown: And did we sell any of them?

Secretary Daniel Murray: No we still have a whole bunch of them do you want some?

Unknown: No. What logo is on them

Secretary Daniel Murray: 1861 to 1865 veteran.

Commander William Naughton: I happen to have 75 in the truck if you want some. Any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Maintenance and equipment, it was 0 last year were putting $300 in this year

Commander William Naughton: Any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: SUVCW history preservation. This is new and it wasn't there last year for $200.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Norris.

Brother Edward Norris: Is this related to the work that Brothers Peter and John are doing?

Commander William Naughton: Yes I believe it is.

Brother Edward Norris: I would like to make a motion that we raise that to $500.

Brother John Wilder: I will 2nd that.

Commander William Naughton: A motion has been made by Brother Norris and seconded by Brother Wilder. Is there any discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: What do they intend to use the $500 for?

Brother John Wilder: As far as the work we do as I mentioned earlier obviously there is the historical value but a lot of this needs physical attention. As I mentioned earlier I have a stack of 300 charters at home I need to buy archival safe storage box and archival safe paper to separate them. Photos as a digitize them have to be stored properly so they don't deteriorate a lot of these old charters, old documents are stored in old cardboard and they breakdown. So we need supplies that are needed and archival supplies are not cheap.. On the other side of that part of that is reclaiming some of those items. We were recently able to reclaim a book of minutes from one of the camps in a town that is now under the Quabbin Reservoir that was on eBay. We contacted the guy and got him to lower his price because of who we are. But a lot of these items have gotten away from us have historical value. There are some that don't that we pass on by, but we are keeping our eyes open and we can easily spend that amount.

Council Dexter Bishop: One thing I would say you can get most of your stuff that you digitize an print for nothing through the Boston Public Library and everything is that whatever you copy, a copy has to be given to the state archives.

Brother John Wilder: I am very fortunate for the historical work that I do for others fraternal organizations that I have a couple of different scanners so that I can do the digitization work myself at no cost to the organization.

Council Dexter Bishop: How big do they do?

Brother John Wilder: I have a standard flatbed and I have an overhead book scanner that will do about half of a newspaper size.

Council Dexter Bishop: I need to talk to you because we have a number of documents that we want to get scanned.

Commander William Naughton: All right let us get back to the motion that has been made and seconded and discussed. Is there any further discussion? We're going to vote on the motion that Brother Norris made to raise the figure to the line item SUV CW History Reservation from $200-$500. All in favor of that? Any abstentions? Any knows? Motion carries and that line is $500.

Council Dexter Bishop: Department website hosting the hundred and $175 this year it was $218 last year.

Commander William Naughton: Any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel).

Council Dexter Bishop: Recruiting $700 last year and $700 this year.

Commander William Naughton: Any discussion?

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Commander so it did not spend the $700 last year on recruiting so I think that we could probably reduce that to $300 because we did not spend it at all last year. The Covid and everything we might be able to use that money elsewhere. I would make a motion that we reduce that from $700 to $500.

Unknown: 2nd.

Commander William Naughton: A motion has been made and seconded. Comments and discussions?

Brother Paul Smith: Considering the attendance at this meeting considering the recruiting problems that the SUVCW has I think that not putting in any kind of money, not putting any kind of effort into getting the members would be committing a crime. With all due respect I think we should be spending more money not less money.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We haven't spent any in 3 years. We keep putting the money into this line item and nobody uses it and that is the problem.

Brother Paul Smith: It says we spent $700.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I know it says it was spent but the money was used for more D2 or something along those lines but not recruiting. As far as actively using it for recruiting I think it was shifted around to pay for the D2.

Commander William Naughton: So we have a motion to take that down to $500. It has been made and seconded, any further discussion? All those in favor of making the line item $500? Any opposition ? One opposed. The motion carries.

Council Dexter Bishop: Genealogical research $463 is spent last year and $200 for this year.

Unknown: What is this?

Secretary Daniel Murray: It is ancestry. We paid last April and again in March so we basically double paid in the fiscal year.

Commander William Naughton: Budget for Ancestry, Sorry Genealogical Research $200. Further Discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Headstone placement and cleaning, we spent $1348 last year and we are looking for $1250 this year.

Commander William Naughton: Any discussion?

Unknown: The D2 containers that we possess(unintelligible0 so that the amount we have on hand is $1250 to be adjusted, has already been adjusted(unintelligible) to the supplier.

Commander William Naughton: I believe that may be why it came down but I wasn't part of that discussion with the Council.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: I think it is to buy more our camp requested agent of D2 which the Commander has in his truck and I'm picking up today. That will probably be all we need. So this is to buy additional. We still have 17 gallons.

Unknown: We don't have to spend it if we don't need it.

Commander William Naughton: But we have it if we do need. As more and more camps, as the number of grave registrations is slowing down but the number of cleanings and restoration seem to be going up.

Council Dexter Bishop: This will be available so that we use up the 17 gallons we can buy more. It will be very easy to use up as a gallon does not go that far. Like up in Lynn it took 5 gallons to do the area that we did in one pass. It is another 5 gallons to go and do it again 2 or 3 years later. So you can see it doesn't take long and that is not a lot to have.

Secretary Daniel Murray: If we pass the budget as is we are still looking at having on hand 34 gallons. That is a lot of D2

Brother Edward Norris: I would not buy anymore until we use up what we have.

Brother Al Smith: The stuff has proven to be great stuff so if we buy it now, pre-inflation or whatever.

Unknown: Is there an expiration on that?

Commander William Naughton: I don't believe so. I believe this motion goes for $1250. Is there any discussion or motions? (no discussion, sound of gavel) $1250 it is.

Council Dexter Bishop: Eagle Scout awards it was $0 last year and were asking hundred and $150 this year.

Commander William Naughton: Eagle Scout awards, any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: ROTC awards nothing last year and hundred and $150 this year.

Commander William Naughton: ROTC awards?

Council Dexter Bishop: One of the things we are going to be doing this year is reaching out to the schools and reminding them of the opportunity to receive for one of their kids this award.

Commander William Naughton: Okay, $150? (no discussion, sound of gavel) that total it just a little bit of 3 and down to so it up one so far.

Council Dexter Bishop: So it is $5600.

Commander William Naughton: I believe, I was an English teacher not a math teacher.

Council Dexter Bishop: The next section is under events, Department encampment and last year we spent we spent $847.52 in this year we are proposing $3000.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Last year we spent $3000.

Council Dexter Bishop: Some of that was spent from the year before and that accounts for….

Secretary Daniel Murray: I didn't have all the figures in when I gave them Kevin.

Council Dexter Bishop: All right so it's $3000.

Commander William Naughton: Department Encampment? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Department Officers meeting we spent $486.84 last year and we are asking for $1000 this year

Commander William Naughton: Brother Murray.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We spent $875.35

Council Dexter Bishop: Okay that is the breakdown

Commander William Naughton: Department Officers meeting $1000? Discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Remembrance Day trip, last year it went for $2574.97, yes?

Secretary Daniel Murray: It was $3500, I had to put a deposit on a bus for this year. That was 4 weeks ago.

Council Dexter Bishop: Okay, so we are asking for $3500.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Lewis.

Brother Charles Lewis: On the Remembrance Day trip the hotel accommodations especially the laundry and towels don't seem to be taken every day.

Secretary Daniel Murray: They have been doing that because of Covid. That is just the hotel policy because of Covid.

Brother Edward Norris: It is staffing issues. I want to a conference and they had no room service.

Brother John Wilder: Most of the hotels during Covid seem to have that policy.

Brother Edward Norris: We haven't had any issue with that hotel in the past.

Brother Charles Lewis: The other problem was, it was no cable channels.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I wouldn't know about that, I didn't watch TV while I was there.

Commander William Naughton: There is some discussion about pieces of the trip but back to the budget, $3500? Discussion on the budget piece of the trip? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Lincoln Brunch $108 was spent last year and this year we are looking for $500.

Senior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Was $108 actually spent because I thought it was more than that.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes it was $108 because he got a refund on the room.

Commander William Naughton: So budgeting $500? Any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Wreaths across America we spent $255 and we are asking for $255.

Secretary Daniel Murray: That lies 17 wreaths.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Benjamin Butler ceremony we didn't spend any money last year but we are asking for $100 this year.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Project New Hope dinner, we did do something last year but we were putting in for $2000 this year.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Norris.

Brother Edward Norris: I make a motion that we, well let me explain 1st very few people go to this dinner therefore I make a motion that we strike this line item.

Commander William Naughton: Okay.

Brother John Wilder: I will 2nd so that we can discuss this motion.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you John. The motion is to eliminate this line item. Is there any discussion?

Council Dexter Bishop: We in the past this old tables and we didn't sell tables this year because we had Covid issues. In the past we raise the money from the various camps and they would buy a table at $240 per table. For example our camp to get the guys at the Chelsea Soldiers Home to come the dinner by 2 tables and the Chelsea Soldiers Home provided transportation for these guys. That is how that would work. Now this past year the facilities were given to us free and the food was given to us free so the money that was raise from the tables with the money that would actually go to Project New Hope the last 3 or 4 years. We have been averaging about $2000 a year to donate to Project New Hope.

Brother Edward Norris: Are they planning to sell tables this year?

Council Dexter Bishop: Yes that is the plan.

Brother Edward Norris: So that amount will be reduced by the number of tables that are sold.

Council Dexter Bishop: Yes whatever that happens to be, we are just trying to guarantee that we will give $2000 for the Project New Hope. That is the point of this dinner.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The money we get from the tables will come off the 2000.

Brother Edward Norris: In that case I withdraw my motion.

Commander William Naughton: So Project New Hope dinner $2000? Is there any other discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Bourne National Cemetery $500. It was canceled last year so that is why it is zero.

Secretary Daniel Murray: What are we buying for the $500, I am just curious?

Council Dexter Bishop: Wreaths and we transportation in getting everyone down there. We try to buy a little gas for the drivers.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any further discussion? The Bourne National Cemetery ceremony $500? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: We have removed Department Sponsored Events so it is total of $10,855. Next is Officers Expenses, this Secretary Office expense we spent $489.36 and we are asking for $500.

Commander William Naughton: (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: The Treasurer's office we spent $3217.41 and we are asking for $3500.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We shouldn't need all the $3500, but more was spent this year because we had to pay the CPA for the extra work this year dealing with the IRS. I don't know how much less.

Brother Edward Norris: I was going to ask if you can give an estimate.

Secretary Daniel Murray: No I can't.

Commander William Naughton: Treasurers office expense $3500? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Next is Officers travel the total of that is we spent $1345 last year and we are looking for $3500 this year.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Fraser.

Brother Rod Fraser: I understand that we spent $1345 last year because of Covid there was not a lot of travel. Because of Covid we didn't spend much of what is it normally, do we know Dan?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Usually we spent most of the travel money, the Commander didn't use his and that is usually a big chunk of it.

Brother Rod Fraser: Okay that was my question.

Commander William Naughton: Okay Officers Travel for $3500? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Delegate travel we spent $3002.83 and we are asking for $3500.

Brother Edward Norris: I am just reminding Brothers that to use that fund you have to be there to vote. You can't be sightseeing.

Commander William Naughton: On the amount $3500? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Officers Bonds we spent $270 and we are asking for $300.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any discussion? (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Total expenses is $11,300. Now we go on to other. Good of the Order last year we spent $500 this year we are asking for $1000.

Commander William Naughton: (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: Miscellaneous last year was spent $223.65 and this year we are asking for $500.

Commander William Naughton: (no discussion, sound of gavel)

Council Dexter Bishop: 2022 through 2023 Department projects we spent $650 and this is $5000 and we didn't spend last year, is that right?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Norris.

Brother Edward Norris: This was in the budget last year and we had a lot of camps put in for different projects. Do you have a breakdown of which camps were approved for their projects?

Secretary Daniel Murray: That was the Council. The Council either approved or disapproved, all I did was to write the check for the approved ones.

Brother Edward Norris: I am wondering how this was decided because we had no qualifications other than to request money for restoration projects. Camp 25 requested $1000 to restore the charter and we have not received the money. How do you know who gets the money and who doesn't?

Council Dexter Bishop: That's why the $5000 is here.

Brother Edward Norris: We have $5000 and nobody knows how to get the money.

Secretary Daniel Murray: They had put in for it by June 30 of last year. Kevin is not here, he is the one who could tell you and I don't have any idea what the criteria was

Brother Edward Norris: I don't know how we get the money.

Brother Rod Fraser: Camp 54 put in for money under this last year and we were granted money under this program but because of the hold up with the Cemetery commission we haven't actually spent the money yet. My understanding is this is just being rolled over and will be getting the money that is approved.

Council Dexter Bishop: I believe Camp 25 was approved it is just that we haven't moved the money, I think.

Unknown: You had to submit something to the Council……

Brother Edward Norris: I believe John did that.

Brother Paul Smith: Does anybody know what they want the money for?

Brother Rod Fraser: Yes Camp 54 requested money toward the restoration of the cannon at the General Lowell Post GAR plot in Mount Hope Cemetery and it was approved. I don't know what the other Camps of putting for I can only tell you what my Camp put in for and that it was approved. I think we asked for a larger amount of money but a smaller amount was granted.

Brother Edward Norris: Last year we made sure all Camps were able to put in a request so we put a time limit on it by September 1 or something.

Commander William Naughton: I thought it was the end of June.

Brother Edward Norris: I think we should do that again. It should be communicated out to the Camps.

Unknown: So just a point of clarification here, so some of the money you are proposing for next year is a carryover.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The last I understood when I met with the Council was the money from this year was to come up on a separate, this is $5000 for this coming year. They are going to apply or submit to the Council and the Council is going to decide who gets it.

Unknown: So it's not a rollover.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Then after the budget was done Was going to propose that the money from last year be carried over to this year for the projects that were not done. I know Camp 104 didn't get the work done because Covid got in the way and the guy that was going to do it backed out and they need to find someone else. The money from last year is going to be rolled over to this year, this is $5000 is separate and you need to put in for it if you want it.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Norris.

Brother Edward Norris: The budget is actually be $48,000 not $43,000 because we don't already have that money counted. We are well over anticipated revenue. We have 15,000 in the checking account in anticipated revenue is 29,000. We will call it $45,000 and this budget is $43,000 and if we vote the other we will have $48,000. We don't have the money. That is not fiscally responsible at all.

Brother Rod Fraser: So that the 2022 through 2023 Department projects. So the 2021 through 2022 Department projects, some of those are still underway but the money has not been spent. Those Camps were told they would have that money for their projects that they are working on. If we are going to roll that money over I don't think the Camps that have already gotten money should have it taken away. That that point if we don't have $5000 in the budget to support the

2022 through 2023 Department projects that maybe we can have some more discussion. Last year was supposed to be a one time deal, a Covid windfall. Some people were against it.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We can leave the $5000 in without the rollover later. Kevin is not here so someone will have to make a proposal.

Brother Edward Norris: So there would be no new projects.

Council Dexter Bishop: No new projects, unless we come up with something……

Brother Edward Norris: No new requests.

Council Dexter Bishop: No new projects.

Brother Rod Fraser: I would like to make a motion to that effect.

Commander William Naughton: Go ahead.

Brother Rod Fraser: I would like to make a motion that for the line item 2022 through 2023 Department project that the $5000 be limited to the money and rollover from the previous projects there are already approved by the Department Council no new projects submissions.

Brother Edward Norris: I'll 2nd that.

Commander William Naughton: We have a motion made and seconded that essentially says that money stays in the proposed budget but it will not be spent on any new projects. It will be spent on projects that have already been approved. That is my understanding, is that okay?

Unknown: $5000 is the $5000 for the projects that were allocated in 2021.

Commander William Naughton: That is correct.

Unknown: If you don't want to do anymore projects in 2022 this $5000 figure should not even be shown. The money is there from 2021.

Council Dexter Bishop: It is a rollover Al.

Brother Al Smith: Unintelligible

Council Dexter Bishop: We have to authorize the spending of the money. It is a new budget.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The fiscal year is over. It has to be reauthorized to be spent.

Commander William Naughton: We have motion so that money is for preapproved projects, no new projects, for that amount. All right that said $5000 any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion made by Mister Fraser? All those opposed? All those who abstain? It looks like there is no abstentions and no opposition so the motion carries (sound of gavel). So now that line of the budget is approved.

Council Dexter Bishop: Next is the Traveling Trunk which is a new thing.

Unknown: Could you explain that?

Brother Rod Fraser: This is a proposal that I made that is to start a Civil War history Traveling trunk program for Massachusetts schools. Our reference is the State of Massachusetts history and going to be used, if needed, social science framework grades K-12 part of the Massachusetts curriculum. Across the nation the Society of the Cincinnati has a Revolutionary War traveling trunk program. They actually have 8 trunks available for high schools nationwide. All 8 trunks are out and there is a waiting list of schools to get these. This would be a pilot program for us to start in Massachusetts and if successful we could pass it on. I spoke to Brother Dexter about using Lynn High School as kind of a prototype or pilot school since we also have a Brother who is a history teacher at Lynn High. This trunk would contain Civil War related items and a recognized teachers guide on how to use the items along with materials to assist in this exercise. The things that would be in this trunk is various Union soldiers biographies, both white and African-American Union soldiers, female Union soldier articles, a Susie Taylor biography and copies of the following documents. The Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln's House Divided speech, Lincoln's Gettysburg address, the Homestead act, the Articles of Succession of the Confederate States and the 13th Amendment. Those things are in the Massachusetts curriculum. Physical items would include a Union soldier's uniform, a ladies camp dress, Union sailors uniform and actually the trunk itself. Again the schools would have these things. Part of the exercise that we would recommend would be that they get student volunteers to report out on the various Union soldier biographies where the Union soldiers uniforms. Women could volunteer to perform Susie Taylor for example and where a woman's camp dress and she would report it as if she was Susie Taylor like role-playing. There would be other exercises that we would list as part of the, the documents that are in there are the documents that came from the Massachusetts curriculum. So for example the students could research the Articles of Succession and come up a list of why the states seceded, things of that nature. That is the goal of the Traveling Trunk program.

Unknown: Would we put insurance on this or would we get it back? Is the school responsible for it?

Brother Rod Fraser: We would ship or deliver the trunk. We would also tell the school if they so desired that we would find a member of the Sons to come and assist them with using the trunk. We would get it shipped back or pick it up and once we get it back make sure we have everything and send it out to the next school. The pilot program will be to go to Lynn and get feedback from there. The Society of the Cincinnati has had success with the Revolutionary War traveling trunk program. That is my report.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Wilder.

Brother John Wilder: I do applaud the idea, I recall myself having a high school teacher who was very hands-on and things like that but I feel like in today's world a lot of that can be handled digitally. Although I might suggest since we are thinking about a pilot program I would think a lot initially could be done cost free. We have uniforms, we can come up with the trunk documents are printed copies so where is a lot of that expense going. We're just testing the idea and it might be done in a cost free way.

Brother Rod Fraser: aside from buying the items in printing and we have to save some money for shipping the truck back and forth to the schools, whatever that costs.

Brother John Wilder: Statewide we could deliver we have a pretty small state but then it's getting people to volunteer.

Brother Rod Fraser: Maybe we could or maybe we could not, maybe some of the volunteers would do it or maybe not. That is the proposal.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any other discussion? Discussion on the amount.

Council Dexter Bishop: $1750 is the amount.

Brother Edward Norris: Send out a request to see if anybody has anything to donate that is in good shape.

Brother Rod Fraser: So to Brother John and Brother Ed, when I wrote this proposal I wrote the proposal with buying everything we would need. Now I spoke with Brother Kevin and I know the SVR has uniforms, we could probably get one of those uniforms and do other things to help defray the costs as Brother John has pointed out. At the end I am not exactly sure what the cost will be, surely do not have to spend the whole $1750. We can look for ways to defray costs, the items do not have to be new. In fact a used uniform would probably look a little bit better. Some of the things we don't have we would have to purchase. Some of the things we probably can get. So I would recommend that we approve the amount and we being judicious and are expenditures to keep it under that amount.

Commander William Naughton: That said the amount. Is there any discussion? Hearing none,(sound of gavel).

Council Dexter Bishop: National Encampment Assistance, this is new.

Brother Edward Norris: Sorry Dan, is this for the National Encampment that is being held in New Hampshire? Is this going to be a one time request?

Secretary Daniel Murray: This is only to be used if needed.

Brother Edward Norris: So, if New Hampshire turns a profit they will turn this back?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes.

Brother Edward Norris: So, it is kind of like alone but with no guarantee of payback.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Right, if they needed they would use it if they don't they won't.

Brother Edward Norris: Okay.

Secretary Daniel Murray: This is just to make sure that they can pull off the encampment. I don't think they'll have a problem but I just don't know.

Brother Edward Norris: So, this is basically a nonguaranteed loan.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Only to be used if needed.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any discussion?(sound of gavel) Brother Lewis.

Brother Charles Lewis: A couple of months ago we were in Andover and I asked a question about were we supposed to have a Benjamin Butler ceremony

Council Dexter Bishop: I can answer that question. The reason we didn't do it last year the family did not respond to our inquiry. Kevin inquired a 2nd time and said that we would be happy to take on the responsibility to have a ceremony and replace the flag. We need to have the family tell us that we can go there.

Commander William Naughton: So the amount for National Encampment assistance to the Department of New Hampshire went in under the gavel. That was the last item I believe?

Council Dexter Bishop: That's it.

Unknown: Nope there's podcast.

Secretary Daniel Murray: It was removed from the budget.

Unknown: I know Rod did a podcast where you talk about your Civil War ancestors.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: That is part of the national committee that I am on which is for the unintelligible channel but maybe the YouTube channel.

Unknown: I just wanted to make sure that you had funds. I didn't know if we did it ourselves or it was National.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: That was National and they asked to provide me with a microphone and a WebCam that I can use that I keep at my house That was paid for by national and was not part of the Department.

Council Dexter Bishop: That concludes the budget. Brother Murray.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to reopen a line item. It would be the one for Department projects. After talking with Brother Rod I started going through some of the emails. Allocated to you was almost $2300.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: $2250.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Camp 104 is somewhere on the $2600 range which is $4800 and an email this was sent to Camp 25. It says the Department Council has further issues which need to be resolved in determining Camp 25's Camp charter conservation project. We have reserved $1000 from budgeted camp project funds to be allocated for the charter conservation pending the resolution of issues.

Unknown: That makes it over $5000.

Secretary Daniel Murray: That makes it a little over $6000.

Unknown: Unintelligible, which projects they will be used for.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yours was to be used for charter conservation.

Unknown: I know what ours was but I want to know how the Council decided what the money was to be used for.

Secretary Daniel Murray: This is the money from last year, it is already been allocated they have already reset the guidelines and they have already voted on it. All I am saying is there is not enough money to cover what they voted on.

Unknown: If that is the case then we have to raise this another thousand dollars.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Camp 54 is $2250, Camp 104 is 26 something let's say $2700 so we were looking at the $750 more than what you have down.

Unknown: So it should be $5950.

Secretary Daniel Murray: It is your Camp.

Unknown: Unintelligible, we haven't got our money yet.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The Council told you what you had to do to get your money and that is between you and them, I'm just saying there is not enough money to cover all those projects.

Commander William Naughton: So we need a motion then since that has already been approved. Ed, Dan?

Brother Edward Norris: I make a motion that this line item be raised to $5950.

Brother John Wilder: 2nd

Commander William Naughton: A motion has been made by Brother Norris and seconded by Brother Wilder. Is there any discussion on this?

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: My point is if they were approved by the Council and theoretically the money should be in there somewhere. I would just say that they should get the money for their project. No more discussion for me.

Commander William Naughton: Any further discussion on this? Hearing no further discussion. $43,880 is the bottom line.

Brother Edward Norris: I'll bet you miss the old days with Brothers Warner and Ryerson.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes, I do

Brother Edward Norris: You would still be here until 5 o'clock.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes, we would.

Commander William Naughton: That concludes the budget and the Council's report on that. Thank you very much Dexter for leading us through that.. Okay, new business?

Brother John Wilder: Since we've had this come up and since there will be no new projects this year I would make a motion that this body direct Council of administration to develop a set of guidelines that regulates what projects can be used for Department funds in the future.

Commander William Naughton: The motion that Brother Wilder is making is that the Department or Department Council?

Brother John Wilder: Department Council.

Commander William Naughton: Department Council develope a procedure or processing guidelines for any of these further Department projects.

Brother John Wilder: Yet since there seems to be a question about that.

Commander William Naughton: Motion has been made and I restated it as best I could. Is there any seconds?

Brother Edward Norris: I'll 2nd.

Commander William Naughton: Is there any discussion?

Brother Paul Smith: I wonder if the Brother wouldn't mind explaining why he thinks there is a discrepancy that needs all this information. When they make the motion don't they say it is for this and for that and for the other. Why do we need all of this extra legislation?

Brother John Wilder: The question seem to be earlier the Council seems to have at their discretion how the projects are approved. There was a question from a Brother that he had submitted for finishing the questions from the Council back, but there didn't seem to be any published regulation on how this money is determined to be allocated. So I think it would be beneficial to us to know ahead of time what we are allowed to put in for. But one camp said well I wanted for graves registration any other set I wanted for……

Secretary Daniel Murray: I believe all the camps of putting in got something, but they had to put in by June 30. They had to submit a request and then the Council had to decide how to divide it up. I am guessing you want to know how they decided to divide it up.

Brother John Wilder: I want to know if there is any reason that you might put in and get rejected for.

Brother Edward Norris: We do the same thing at National. You put in for preservation stuff and some things just do not fall into it.

CinC Michael Paquette: To that point I was on that committee, you were probably on that committee at National and what it was were guidelines for the people on the committee. You can award this amount maximum but the money just as go off after the 1st person that does it, but there are some criteria and guidelines, for that committee so it doesn't look like there is some unfair favoritism going on. It helps to manage expectations and I think that's all being asked for here.

Brother John Wilder: Is it projects for preservation is projects for…….. Unintelligible (2 people speaking)

Council Dexter Bishop: I would like to remind everybody that this discussion is very helpful and I think we should have to set guidelines but we are only going on the fact that this money is there because of Covid and hope we never have Covid type situation again which would give us money to have left over again. I think we should come up with a good set of regulations, publicize it and get it out there.

Unknown: I don't know why we should come up with a set of guidelines unless the situation comes up again.

Commander William Naughton: We have a motion that has been made and seconded and discussed…

Brother John Wilder: Since I made the motion, if this is a one time thing and we're not going to have this opportunity again I would rescind the motion. But I would ask that either before we have the money if the camp was working on a project or something could they now apply for special funding from the Department. So even if we don't budget the money or we don't have the money to budget is a special project came up the camp was working on in the future could they not still apply and say I need this assistance. In that spirit then we would have the guidelines of what a camp could apply for.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: We usually have very little money left over after we spent for the budget every year. Because of Covid we did nothing for 18 months and we had money left over and that's why the encampment decided to do it last year.

Brother John Wilder: In that case I will resend my motion with the comment that perhaps we should increase our communication on some of these things.

Commander William Naughton: Anybody else? We had no motion to vote on in that case and and in that case it appears we are done with the budget.

Council Dexter Bishop: Thank you.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Dexter. Is there any other new business?

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Commander I would like to make a motion that for next year's Department Encampment we move from an awards dinner towards a luncheon following the business session of the encampment. I feel that there is too much down time and it discourages people from coming. We're going to be done here have lunch and have to wait there until tonight for the awards dinner. I think it discourages people because it is usually a whole day that gets killed. I would recommend that we do a business meeting in the morning followed by award luncheon and at that time we would be done. My motion is that for next year Department encampment we do it with the dinner we make it an awards luncheon.

Unknown: 2nd

Commander William Naughton: Motion made, is there any discussion? Brother Smith.

Brother Al Smith: Do all business in the morning regardless of how long it takes but right after have an awards lunch.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: All business is done and then we go to lunch.

Brother Al Smith: I've been here when the business is done after lunch.

Commander William Naughton: Done you may have to continue, obviously at businesses and done it isn't done but the same time the dining hall has to have time to get things ready. We have about 25 minutes by my count until noon and we have any new business brought up and then we have nomination of officers and then we're going to have to adjourn and resume the nomination of officers and it will probably be later in the afternoon. So there is a motion made and seconded. Go ahead.

Secretary Daniel Murray: It seems like the more the Department to do away with the smaller the Encampment meetings get. I don't care which Department you go to in New England they've all gone downhill. The more they do away with the smaller they get to the point where you get to Vermont 5 people, maybe 6. I've seen Department encampments where there were only 3 people there for Vermont. Maine is not getting much better. New Hampshire has gone down the tubes. I'm just saying the less you do, the less you get.

Brother Edward Norris: Rhode Island does the big dinner on Friday night and it is very well attended and the Encampment not so much. Last year we finished at 11 o'clock and had lunch at 12 o'clock.

Secretary Daniel Murray: And I have seen times we finished at 4 o'clock.

Brother Edward Norris: That's because we had a lot of members here.

Secretary Daniel Murray: You might get them back.

Unknown: In light of that the possible exception is that you move your campfire program over to a luncheon type of thing and have the banquet the night before. It is just another way of mixing it up.

Unknown: Point of inquiry, who organizes the Encampment.

Unknown: The Encampment committee

Unknown: There is a committee.

Unknown: There is supposed to be.

Brother John Wilder: So obviously it is not, so I would suggest we get some new blood on the committee and look at the possible opportunities for next year.

Unknown: From what I just said it would force people to spend the night that were otherwise able to travel during the day because they need to be here for the daytime activities. That would be the downside of what I just mentioned by splitting things up for 2 days.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: I brought this up because our attendance is terrible. Maybe that is not the answer, but we need to find out why one of are people are not coming. It has been terrible the last couple of years.

Commander William Naughton: We were kind of outside of Worcester there right off of 495 at the Holiday Inn.

Brother Edward Norris: Yes it was at a hotel and it would allow people to stay overnight. We had campfire we had a dinner but I can remember some nights they were trying to move us out of the room so they could set up.

Unknown: Is not just your problem, I am seeing this at the Department encampments I'm going to that the numbers still are down partially because of Covid, gas prices some places of gases $6.50 a gallon, California is $5.69. For people who have to drive any significant distance especially if you're on a fixed income that is now a factor. So, it is a combination so whatever your decision is here today don't from budgeted camp project funds purely on your attendance here today. You did an in person encampment last year right?

Unknown: Yes we did.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: When I attended my 1st Department encampment 2015 we had less than 20 people.

Unknown: It's very interesting that you brought this up Rod because we talked about this last night in this very room. It seems like a number of people don't have the requirement or the expectation for social environments for being together in the same place that people of our generation older had. We were wondering if that is now a factor for younger people. They don't have that need to gather as a group.

Brother John Wilder: As the youngest Brother in the room, despite the way I act I am only 31. I do agree that there is a problem. We see it across fraternal and other organizations. I don't think will solve it with a single vote I think this is best referred to an active committee to look at various options. Speaking from experience from other organizations some go back and forth where do you want to make it a family type event or just business. I think there is many different options out there, I think we can look at other organizations and see what does and doesn't work. I think that is for work not directly solved in one motion today.

Unknown: Could we take it…….

Brother Paul Smith: Instead of sitting here talking about the young people and the old people let me give you a very definitive answer. Young people today are interested in civil and civic matters, they are not interested in the Civil War.. They are not interested in history. They want to know about things like climate control, like all of the problems that are in our agenda right now. So that is why you get this resistance from the young people about joining our organization about doing things with an organization, their mindset is somewhere else.

Brother John Wilder: I will just respond quickly to that. I think that in general is that stagnation will kill any organization. I think it is less about the subject and more about the activity. I

recently stepped down as commander of my Camp because of my involvement in many organizations. I tried to get something done and that is why we picked up a project in the local cemetery. My objection to the trunk program is more about let's work with our own resources. I applaud anybody trying anything new that the younger generation does not, I think the problem we don't want to sit in a room and listen to reports and talk about business. We want to be doing things. We need to look into our own mission and we have a lot of opportunities here, we have a mission that was gifted to us from the GAR about preservation and education. What are we actually doing with it? Just think about that and if we can incorporate that into an encampment. We should have some kind of project we should be working on to bring people in. I think there's a thought of discussion opportunities that we can have. As much as I hate to say I will be happy, not to chair, but to be a part of that committee.

Unknown: I think Brother Dan mentioned this, it is not unique to the Sons that he said the Legion, the VFW there are other organizations that are having the same challenges.

Brother John Wilder: Absolutely.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Smith.

Brother Al Smith: I think what we're finding now is and I think we have to admit to it that this virus has been a disaster. Like in atomic explosion that touches personalities and relationships. Nobody wants to go anywhere anymore, nobody wants to get involved anymore if you just watch the news that different organizations are destroyed. I put together a trip to visit Civil War sites in New York and Vermont and I can't even get 40 people. I used to get 40 or 50 people. This virus I am sorry to say has been an absolute disaster, we are a very small group of people who are interested in the Civil War. Therefore we have to deal with the members that we do possess 150 whatever. We have to come up with an idea to get 150 people to come here to some other place that would hold the encampment or awards dinner. It's a disaster and we somehow need to wait it out.

Commander William Naughton: Personal opinion, I am not the chair here for the moment. If we just wait it out we're going to end up with what we have only with fewer people. You have to come up with something. Yes it was a disaster for many folks and it is going to end at some point God willing if somebody would make a motion on that that would be nice if we could vote on that. We are going to come out of it and we probably ought to be ready is what people are saying

Council Dexter Bishop: I would like to suggest that since the consensus seems to be that we send this to a committee. I think what we should be doing then let's have a motion to take on a committee to report back in so many months or whatever with a series of suggestions that the Encampment could vote on and do it that way. Again that will make people active. Right now we have 1, 2, 3, different point of views. I think if we could appoint the Junior Vice Commander as the Chairperson of this committee.

Brother John Wilder: I'm not the Junior Vice Commander so don't look at me. To make one comment it is possible another organization I am part of before the pandemic we were looking at

shutting down. Coming out of the pandemic now we're just about doubling our membership. So it is possible.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: There is a motion on the floor.

Brother Dexter Bishop: I understand that and I was going to finish up with the people who made that motion withdraw that so we could form that committee.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Commander I would like to withdraw my motion and I would like to make a motion we form a committee to study this and report back with recommendations to the Council prior to next year's Department Encampment.

Brother Dexter Bishop: With the Junior vice as the chairperson.

Commander William Naughton: The motion on the floor is to create an active committee to look into other possibilities for the Encampment and the committee will report back to next year's Encampment.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: I said that we were report back to the Council with recommendations for next year's Encampment rather than putting out 2 years. Then the Council can say we will do this next year.

Commander William Naughton: Do you have any anticipation when we have to talk to the Council about it? Is it their work to organize it? Do we have a timeline for any of this?

Council Dexter Bishop: We are establishing the fact that the Junior Vice Commander is the chairperson in any situation like that I would always feel comfortable with the chairperson selecting the members of his committee. He knows where he is going with it and what he is going to do unless you want to set down……..

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: I would like the report back by the end of the calendar year so the Council at that time has time to……

Secretary Daniel Murray: The contracts are signed or will be signed today for next year for this place.

Unknown: Does the contract include all the meals too?

Commander William Naughton: The motion is to form a committee that will report back to the Council by the end of the calendar year on matters of encampment.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: Commander I would like to amend my motion. With the new information from Brother Dan I would like to make my motion that we form a committee to look at ways to improve participation in the Department Encampment. That will report back to next year's Encampment.

Commander William Naughton: Thank you Rod.

Unknown: I am asking that the deadline for submission of that report should be completed and submitted in a matter of a few months not calendar year, not December.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: I can't do it in a few months out so either we do or we don't but I don't have to do it in 2 months. I'm happy to do it and I'm happy to work with John and to get some of the other guys involved. We can reach out all camps for their opinion but I am not going to do it in 2 months.

Unintelligible at least 2 people talking.

Council Dexter Bishop: That would still give us 4 months to get it distributed to all our Camps.

Commander William Naughton: Let's bring it to a head. Rod do just want to restate your motion and then we need a 2nd and we will vote on it.

Junior Vice Commander Rod Fraser: My motion is that we form a committee to recharge all the camps in the Department and report back to next year's Encampment and how to improve next year's Encampment to get better participation by our Brothers.

Commander William Naughton: That everybody here the motion? Yes.

Unknown: 2nd.

Commander William Naughton: There is a 2nd. Is there any discussion about the need for the committee? Go ahead Charlie.

Brother Charles Lewis: 6 or 7 years ago Mister Bishop if we would go to the Statehouse for a ceremony. We went there **with** our Civil War uniforms on. The irony of the situation was my old Platoon Sergeant, he recognized me right away and he asked some cadet students at his house, he looked at me and asked me what was this uniform for. I was stunned. When the student asked me what kind of uniform is this, I was stunned. These are high school students and this should be taught in schools.

Commander William Naughton: Okay so we have a motion, the motion is to create a committee. All those in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? There will be a committee. I believe I heard in the discussion there was some volunteering to be part of the committee. Thank you. If lunch is at 12 or thereabouts so we're going to recess year. We will come back probably late afternoon for those that are still here to nominate officers.

Brother Edward Norris: We need to send a message to John to anticipate what time you will be here and we can re-adjourned at that time.

Commander William Naughton: Okay you probably have the best contact for him.

Brother Edward Norris: I can call him.

Commander William Naughton: The may be able to tell you now. We can probably go through and run up to the dining hall if we take nominations now. We need to nominate officers for Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Council members, Secretary-treasurer.

Brother Edward Norris: I make a motion that we go eat. Lunch is a 12 right.

Commander William Naughton: Yes what time are you leaving Ed.

Brother Edward Norris: I am not running for Department Commander, so I don't have to be here.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Will you accept Council of you are nominated?

Brother Edward Norris: Yes I will.

Commander William Naughton: Ed made a motion that we go eat.

Unknown: 2nd.

Commander William Naughton: All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? We will be back at some point.

Lunch Recess

Commander William Naughton: Moving down on the order of business the next item we have to do is nomination of Officers. We have to elect one member of the Council to replace George, we have to elect a Secretary-and a Treasurer, we have to elect JVC, SVC, and a Department Commander. We will open up the nominations for Council.

Unknown: I will recommend Edward Norris.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations?

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to recommend William Naughton.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations?

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: So the next line is will you serve.

Commander William Naughton: Yes. Are there any other nominations?

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: You have 3 Council positions.

Secretary Daniel Murray: The Council positions are two-year terms, we had 2 one year and one the next. This year there is only one open. We had 3 Council members and their all two-year terms. Dexter and Kevin were elected last year for 2 years and George's term is up this year.

Commander William Naughton: Since I am a nominee I will turn the chair over to Senior Vice Commander John Dupre.

Senior Vice Commander John Dupre: Yes Al.

Brother Albert Smith: I would like to make a motion that we have a voice vote.

Senior Vice Commander John Dupre: Is there a 2nd?

Unknown: I'll 2nd.

Senior Vice Commander John Dupre: Is there any discussion?

Unknown: I would like to make an amendment for a hand count.

Unknown: I'll 2nd that.

Senior Vice Commander John Dupre: All those in favor of a hand count raise your hand? The amendment is passed. Any discussion on the motion that we have hand count versus a voice vote? Seeing no discussion all those in favor? The motion passes, now we will go to the elections. The 1st candidate is Edward Norris. All those in favor of Ed Norris raise your hand. All those in favor of William Naughton. William Naughton gets 5 votes and Ed Norris gets 4. The winner for the open Council seat is William Naughton. Applause.

Commander William Naughton: We will now have nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Unknown: I will nominate Brother Murray.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Murray if elected will you serve?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes I will.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Brother Murray.

Council Dexter Bishop: I would like to make a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for uncontested offices.

Unknown: I'll 2nd.

Commander William Naughton: All in favor? Any opposition? Any abstentions? Motion passes. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none the Secretary will cast one ballot. Congratulations Dan. Applause.

Commander William Naughton: Nominations for Junior Vice Commander.

Brother John Wilder: I nominate Past Camp Commander Peter Preble.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander I nominate Brother John Wilder.

Commander William Naughton: If elected will you serve.

Brother John Wilder: I am always willing to help the organization if elected.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations? Nominations are close for Junior Vice Commander. We have to so we'll have to do the same thing and we will have to have election. We need to get a committee and ballots.

Senior Vice Commander Roderick Fraser: I would like to make a motion that we dispense with the committee and ballots and moved to a hand vote for Junior Vice Commander.

Unknown: 2nd.

Commander William Naughton: We have a motion that we go to a hand vote to elect to Junior Vice Commander. We have a 2nd is there any discussion? All those in favor? It looks like it carries unanimously. We have 2 candidates Brother Peter Preble and Brother John Wilder. Hands now for Peter Preble. Hands for John Wilder. Congratulations Junior Vice Commander John Wilder. Nominations for Senior Vice Commander.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I will nominate Brother Roderick Fraser.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Fraser if elected will you serve?

Senior Vice Commander Roderick Fraser: Yes I will.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? One candidate congratulations Senior Vice Commander. Applause. Nominations for Department Commander.

Unknown: I'll nominate Brother John Dupre for Department Commander.

Commander William Naughton: Brother Dupre if elected will you serve?

Senior Vice Commander John Dupre: Yes I will.

Commander William Naughton: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are now closed and we have one candidate for the office of Department Commander and we have the new Department Commander. Congratulations John. Applause. Now we need to elect Delegates to the National Convention. We have a request from Brother Dan Geary to be put on that list.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to make some nominations.

Commander William Naughton: Go ahead.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to nominate Daniel Geary, Kenneth London, Edward Knight, Albert Smith, Charles Lewis, John Wilder, and Roderick Fraser.

Brother John Wilder: I don't plan on going.

Secretary Daniel Murray: We need to put 7 names on the Delegate list so that if 7 people show up we can have 7 Delegates on the floor. We can only put as many Delegates on the floor as we have names.

Commander William Naughton: Does anybody want to nominate anyone? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Nominations are closed and we have 7 delegates. Alternates?

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to nominate all of the Brothers in the Department that are in good standing at the time of this encampment as alternates.

Unknown: I'll 2nd

Commander William Naughton: All in favor? It looks like that passes. Next is Installation of Officers.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Commander Naughton, in relieving you of the command of this Department on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of this Department your interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Commander Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

Commander Elect John Dupree: Yes, I am.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: If so, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary. Installing Officer: Secretary, call the roll of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London, Chaplain Dexter Bishop, Graves Registration Officer William Naughton, Historian Peter Preble, Counselor Kevin Tucker, Eagle Scout Coordinator Michael Terry, GAR Highway Officer George Maple, Civil War Memorials Officer Matthew Sargent, Guide Charles Lewis, Quartermaster John Wilder, Signals Officer Jack Manning, and Clarion Call Editor Rod Fraser.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Please call the elected Officers.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander John Dupre, Senior Vice Commander Rod Fraser, Junior Vice Commander John Wilder, Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray, Council William Naughton, and that is it unless you want Dexter to stand up.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: We will have Dexter sorting again for next year.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Dexter Bishop.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Brothers, please approach the altar. I would like the incoming Department Commander in the center with the Junior Vice the one side of the rest of you to just gather as you are able Brothers.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of this Department and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember that the success or failure of the administration of your Department will depend very largely upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Officers elect and appointed Officers: I am.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine: I, _____, having been regularly chosen as an Officer of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby renew the sacred obligation given at the time of my initiation, and in the presence of Almighty God and the members of this Encampment here assembled do furthermore solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will to the best of my ability, in word and deed, and without fear or favor, faithfully honestly and impartially perform all the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God. Incoming Department Commander please join me up here, Past Department Commander Naughton please join me on the side. Bill would you like beaded can this Past Department Commander badge on your's or someone else.

Commander William Naughton: It would be a great honor.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Commander, by the votes of the members of this Encampment you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of the regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of Union Veteran of the Civil War but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Department will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.
As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, The Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Uncover. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in Your name through the mediation of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commander in Chief Michael Paquette: Commander, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first I give to your care the Charter of this Department. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place in your care the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One (*) rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing; two (* *) raps calls the Officers to their feet; three (* * *) raps calls up the entire Encampment. [The Installing Officer will exemplify the use of the gavel as he instructs.] Installing Officer: And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I

hereby declare the Officers of this Department legally elected, and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in April 2023, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the Badge of the Office of Department Commander. Commander, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

Commander John Dupre: There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close. You will give attention while the Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations. Parade Rest.

Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Our Father in Heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this meeting as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Amen.

Encampment: Amen.

Commander John Dupre: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity and an unswerving Loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and Station Banners. Attention! I now declare the 2022 Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of Installation of Officers.)
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From the Department of Massachusetts EIN 046050537 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.
At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Groton MA
On the 2nd day of April, 20 21 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
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Albert Smith	Belmont	MA	02478				
Charles Lewis	Chelsea	MA	02150				
John Wilder	Haverhill	MA	01835				
Roderick Fraser	Cranston	RI	02910				

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☑ Check here if, all remaining Brothers of this Department in Good Standing at the time of this Encampment are hereby elected as Alternates to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

	Date	Installing Officer	Department Secretary	Department Commander	National Executive Officer
	2 APR 2022	*Signature*	*Signature*	*Signature*	*Signature*
Printed Name:		Michael A, Paquette	Daniel W Murray	John J. Dupre	David W. Demmy, Sr.

Date received at National Headquarters _____

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National Life Membership Report for 2022

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Date: Friday, April 1, 2022, 12:46 PM EDT

Secretaries

Attached National Life Membership report for your use in preparing your annual form 35; [or 27, if you are a stand-alone MAL camp.]

If you would prefer this data in a word format document, just ask me.

Other reports such as membership, aging, veterans, etc are available upon request.

Serving our membership at headquarters

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel

National Executive Director - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

At Reservoir Park at Harrisburg PA

Organized 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic!

Massachusetts

726	Ford, Conley Winston	Satuit Camp 3188
188	Gauthier, Joseph R.	Charles H Bond Camp 104
933	Ginsberg, John Derek	Satuit Camp 3188
796	Hansen, Thomas Stansfield	Charles H Bond Camp 104
571	Knight, Robert H	L A Tifft Camp 15
768	Manning, John Thomas	Satuit Camp 3188
108	Marley, James G D	Maj T B Griffith Camp - MAL 22
716	Mellor PCinC, Perley E	Willie Grout Camp 25
927	Murray, Daniel W	Charles H Bond Camp 104
931	Norris PCinC, Edward J	Willie Grout Camp 25
788	Presbrey Jr, Wendell B	Gen D N Couch Camp 26
308	Wheeler, Norman F	Maj T B Griffith Camp - MAL 22

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Daniel Murray, Secretary

Department of Massachusetts

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brother Murray,

As Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts I represented the Department Commander on a national Zoom meeting with all departments.

I represented the Department Commander at the recent Project New Hope dinner at Groton Woods.

I attended several but not all officer's meetings.

In F, C and L,

John Dupre'

SVC Department of Massachusetts

SUVCW

Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

2022 Annual Encampment

Report of the Junior Vice Commander

Roderick Fraser, Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54

The Department received 16 new members last year based on my count.

Of these, four came through the JVC, the remaining members were directly recruited through their camps.

This has been a very good recruiting year and I hope we can build on that momentum in 2022.

The following new brothers were brought in in the past year:

James Fernandes	At large	NA
Robert Preble	54	Peter Preble
Mark Preble Jr	54	Peter Preble
Mark Preble Sr	54	Peter Preble
Jacob Preble	54	Peter Preble
Eric Joonseo Gold	54	Roderick Fraser
Daniel J Johnson	54	Peter Preble
David S Martin	3188	John T Manning
Samuel P Boyson	50	Arthur R Boyson
Michael R Davison	25	John Dupre
Aiden C Morley	3188	John T Manning
Henry R Buckley	3188	John T Manning
Andrew F Kjellberg	25	George Maple
Michael Ahern	104	John Wilder
Joshua Hodge	54	Roderick Fraser
David Hencke	54	Roderick Fraser
Ronald Glidden	54	Roderick Fraser

Submitted
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

R J Fraser Jr

Roderick J Fraser Jr.

Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
2022 Annual Encampment
Report on the Clarion Call

Clarion Call Editor; Roderick Fraser, Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54

The Clarion Call was sent out 4 times, on-time each quarter.
We have emails for only 102 brothers in the Department.

We will be transitioning the Clarion Call from an email-based newsletter to Mailchimp this year. Gmail limits how many people you can send an email to at one time. Using Mailchimp will make it easier to email multiple people and will make it easier to track dropped addresses.

The Department Commander asked all Brothers to bring in one new member and instructed the names of new members and their sponsors to be listed in the Clarion Call. No names were submitted.

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Submitted
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

R J Fraser Jr
Roderick J Fraser Jr.

March 30, 2022

Dear Commander Naughton,

Due to an ongoing problem with the IRS the bill for the CPA went overbudget. Just before the COVID pandemic the IRS switched our accounting year from a fiscal to a calendar year. The IRS was going to fine us for not submitting our tax reports in a timely manner. Most of the problem has been the agents for the IRS were working remotely and not in their offices. Both the CPA and I have been dealing with the IRS over this for the last two years. It was, hopefully, resolved this past January and we are back on a fiscal year.

As of March 30, 2022 there is $14822.84 in the checking account and $34909.88 in the savings account. The current value of the Trusts and CD's is $181,286.60. The current market value of the Wells Fargo fund is $954,315.83. The projected annual income from that account is now at $28,779 which is a $1389 increase from last year.

Total assets for the Department as of March 31 are $1,185,335.38.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray, Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts

Here is my PI report:

With Yahoo killing off the Yahoo groups I've been sending the National Patriotic Instructions to Rod Frazier who would send it out to his list for the Clarion Call. In the meantime we need something to replace the Yahoo group (A list serv, google groups, or something else.) I tried setting up a mailing list of camp Patriotic Instructors, so far i've gotten one response.

Form 40 responses in past years

2017 4

2018 5

2019 6

2020 9

2021 5

2022 4 (SO FAR)

The conclusion from all this is

bugging people works, it is how

I got 9 reports in 2020.

it is important to remember that form 40 should be treated as important as the secretary and treasures report

(refer to General Order # 13 from 2017)

Yours In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty
Ken London
Past Camp Commander Camp No.104
Secretary/Treasurer Camp No. 104
Patriotic Instructor Camp No. 104
Patriotic Instructor Dept. of Mass.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report of the Department Historian

Department Commander Naughton and the Brethren Assembled

Your Department Historian has been working diligently over the last few years to bring the much-neglected Department Archives into order. The Archives are located in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Rockland, Massachusetts and consist of papers and books detailing the history of the Department from its founding until the present day.

At present we are sifting through boxes and filing cabinets to assess the condition of the collection and determine the best way forward for preservation. We have also begun an expansion of the collection by purchasing items directly related to the history of the Department and through donations from the membership.

Our initial assessment has allowed us to evaluate the collection and given us the opportunity to divest ourselves of the rough and superfluous (duplicate and unrelated) parts and make a general plan for the next more in depth steps

Our goals for the coming year include:

1. Clean up and inventory of the present collection

2. Stabilize the collection to prevent further deterioration

3. Digitize as much of the paper as possible

4. Expand the collection through purchase and donation

If you have any items you think we might be interested in, reach out and we can come and take a look. If Camps have items they wish to store, please let us know and we can work something out.

Personally, I owe a great debit to Brother John Wilder, PCC for all of his guidance and assistance. This task would have been a lot more difficult without his help.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rec. Dr. Peter-Michael Preble, PCC
Department Hsitorian

Graves Registration Officer

Department of Massachusetts

Report to the Encampment

April 2022

Since our previous Encampment and through the efforts of Brothers, the Department's Camps and other interested citizens, 113 previously unlisted Union veterans have had the information about their service and their burial places recorded in the National Graves Registration database. Additionally, a large number of those veterans who were previously recorded had additional information added and/or information corrected to make these records more useful and valuable.

At present there are 31,282 burial locations of Civil War soldiers, sailors and marines recorded in Massachusetts and are now available for family historians, genealogists, and other interested parties on the National database. This number represents a great deal of work by our Brothers and others through the years and is a tribute to their efforts to keep alive the memories of the boys in blue. This year, the work of Brother Richard Nichols needs to be pointed to and commended; Richard's work in the Amesbury cemeteries resulted in many of the additions and corrections mentioned above. His efforts on behalf of the Graves Registration program began at least 10 years ago, and he continues to contribute well-researched information year after year.

Despite the 31,282 records of CW veterans buried in Massachusetts, there is still much work to be done when one realizes that 102,252 men served in Massachusetts units or in Federal service credited to Massachusetts.

Not only were burial locations recorded in the National database, but a number of these locations were marked with grave markers. The Department presently has 426 "Veteran 1861-1865" markers

which were commissioned from last year's budget allocation; also on hand are 88 "GAR" markers, and if the budget is approved, more of these will be purchased. D-2 tombstone cleaner is also available for Department cemetery projects.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Naughton

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of Massachusetts

GAR Highway Officer Report

Brothers,

I regret that I was unable to make the drive to check the GAR Highway signs this past year. I wait until after the winter so the report would show if any were damaged or lost in that time. Unfortunately, before I could go, I broke my foot and was unable to do the drive.

Submitted March 24, 2022

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George Maple, PDC

HEADQUARTERS

CAMP COMMANDER

GENERAL D. N. COUCH CAMP NO. 26
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780
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Brothers,

We hope this report finds you and all our Brothers in good health.

I am writing to you to advise that Camp 26 continues to struggle with both membership and overall viability. The Camp continues holding monthly meetings virtually and support the Department and Community where and when we are able.

Compounding our circumstances, the few years have seen the loss of our long term Brothers Charlie Barton and Michael Hurley. In addition to the deep personal loss of our Brothers we also lost their institutional knowledge and vast wealth of Civil War and community knowledge.

Our roster is currently down to 4 Brothers Van Jabagjorian, Chris Cox, Wendell Presbrey and me. Brother Presbrey is currently under the care of the VA and limited in his ability to join us outside of those confines.

Although we had a few prospects, our recruitment efforts did not bear fruit last year. Follow ups with some prospective candidates are ongoing and we remain hopeful. We have reached out to other local Veteran groups that we partner with in the community. We are hopeful that we will be successful in recruiting from those groups but those groups like us are struggling with both attrition and recruiting.

These circumstances have prompted us to revisit the options that the Department reviewed with us in 2019. Those options included merging with another Camp, becoming a Camp at Large or dissolving the Camp.

For now, the consensus remains that we stay the course and step up our recruiting efforts in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Michael E. Rice

Michael E. Rice, Commander
General D.N. Couch Camp 26 SUVCW

Camp 50 Rockland

2021 Activities

Hanson Cemetery

Memorial Day

Island Grove Abington

Civil War Encampment Founders Day

Rockland Holiday Stroll

Open House at the GAR Hall

Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp # 54
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Camp Commander
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In the past year, we have brought in nine new brothers.

Camp 54 has taken on the restoration of the Gen. Charles Russell Lowell GAR Plot at Mt Hope Cemetery as a project. In 2021, brothers of the camp cleaned headstones in the plot for the second year in a row. They also cleaned stones in the City of Boston soldiers and Sailors Plot.
The Camp is raising money to restore the two pieces of field artillery at the plot. The Camp received the following Grants for the project:

Funding	
Dept of MASS	
SUVCW	**$2,250.00**
MHSM	**$5,250.00**
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We are currently working with the Boston Historical Cemetery Commission to get approval for the field artillery work.

Susie Taylor Memorial Dedication Ceremony

The capstone event for Camp 54 was the dedication of the Susie Taylor Memorial. October 2nd was a beautiful day in Boston and the perfect day to dedicate the Susie Baker King Taylor Memorial. We had the honor of being joined by our Commander in Chief Michael Paquette! Department junior vice Commander Roderick Fraser served as Master of ceremonies. Brother Fraser started this project back in 2018 and the memorial was completed in 2020, but COVID restriction kept us from holding a dedication ceremony until this year.

Joining us by providing music for the program was the Providence Brigade band (http://www.pbband.org) who added a special touch of solemnity and celebration to the program. The Chaplain of the ceremony was the Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54 Commander; Reverend Peter-Michael Preble. Camp 54 was the host camp for the dedication and has taken on improvements at the Mt Hope Cemetery as a major project. We had the honor of having the Mayor of Boston, Mayor Kim Janey as our keynote speaker.

Mayor Janey is the first woman to serve as Mayor of Boston and also the first African American to serve as Mayor. Mayor Janey's speech about the life of Susie Taylor and her contributions to society was excellent.

Presenting a brief biography of Susie Taylor was a public historian and Susie Taylor researcher Rebecca Byrd Smith. Mrs. Smith is originally from Boston and traveled up here from South Carolina to be with us and we are thankful for her participation.

The Ceremony of Dedication was conducted by the First Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, led by Brother Kevin Tucker, complete with the firing of a salute with 3volleys. We were joined in the ceremony by the Commander of the Willian E Carter AmericanLegion Post No. 16, Mary-dith Tuitt who presented the symbol of purity.

Following the ceremony, the Carter Post hosted a collation and we appreciate their overwhelming assistance to us in this dedication. Representing the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps was Ms. Hermina Glass-Hill, who traveled from Georgia to be with us for this celebration.

Our members participated in the following events:

General Frederick W. Lander Grave Rededication On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021,

Annual Remembrance Day Trip to Gettysburg

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Ball's Bluff Battlefield Guided tour

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Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Roderick J Fraser Jr.

Roderick Fraser
Camp Commander

Commander Naughton,

Due to Covid the only item of note for Camp 61 was the participation in the Re Dedication of the Framingham Veterans Memorial. Camp 61 purchased two bricks. One for Chip Chambers and the other for Conrad Homan 29th Mass Vol Inf Medal of Honor recipient. Mark Lewis and Don Hayes attended. I arranged a Military time line for the ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted.
Mark Lewis
Camp 61

Department Secretary Murray,

C.H. Bond Camp #104 Activity Report:

Because of the continuing virus, activity was again reduced

1) Met monthly- twice in person and the balance on Zoom
2)Election and Installation of Camp Officers took place in Nov and Dec at "live" meetings
3)Work on the GAR plot at the Wakefield Cemetery was ongoing with the bulk of work being performed by Brother Turechek. He is refurbishing flag holders. Hopefully, this year we'll be able to get back out in the field
4)Several Camp members participated at Remembrance Day Gettysburg
5)Several Camp members participated in the Memorial Day re-dedication ceremony at the General Frederick Lander gravesite in Salem, MA
6)Several Camp members attended the National Encampment in St. Louis, MO

Hopefully, this report will suffice. And further hopefully, more Camp activities will take place this year.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Daniel Geary
Camp Commander
C. H. Bond Camp #104 Department of Massachusetts

March 15, 2022

Daniel Murray

Secretary/Treasurer

Department of Massachusetts

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Dan,

This is to inform you of my intention to run for the position of Department Commander at the Department Encampment at Groton Woods in Groton, MA on April 1-2, 2022 for the term 2022-2023.

In Fidelity, Charity and Loyalty,

John Dupré

20 Brigham St.

Hudson, MA 01749

Department of Massachusetts

Budget 2021-2022

CATEGORY		AMOUNT	SPENT	BALANCE
Donation - Rockland		**$1,500**	1500	$0
Donation - Lynn		**$1,000**	1000	$0
Dept. Web Site Hosting		**$175**	218.9	-$44
Dept. Encampment		**$3,000**	2973.67	$26
Dept. Officers Meetings		**$1,000**	875.35	$222
Lincoln Birthday Brunch		**$500**	278.11	$222
Benjamin Butler Ceremony		**$100**	0	$100
Other Dept. Sponsored Events		**$1,000**	0	$1,000
Dept. Secretary Office		**$500**	489.36	$11
Dept. Treasurer Office		**$2,900**	3225.81	-$326
Annual CPA Review	*$2,050*		2525	
Office Supplies	*$350*		200.81	
Tax Form Preparation	*$500*		500	
Total Dept. Treasurer Office	*$2,900*		3225.81	
Dept. Officers Bond		**$300**	270	$30
Dept. Officers Travel		**$3,500**	1345	$2,155
Dept. Commander	*$1,500*		0	
Dept. SVC	*$500*		0	
Dept. JVC	*$500*		345	
Dept. Secretary	*$500*		500	
Dept. Treasurer	*$250*		250	
Dept. Chaplain	*$250*		250	
Total Dept. Officers Travel	*$3,500*		1345	
Dept. Delegate Travel to National Encampment		**$3,500**	3002.81	$497
Remembrance Day Trip		**$3,500**	3574.97	-$75
Flag Holders		***$2,000***	2963.55	-$964
Dept. Colors Maintenance & Equipment		**$300**	0	$300
Good of the Order		**$6,450**	4708.31	$1,742
Chelsea Soldiers Home	*$2,500*		2500	
Holyoke Soldiers Home	*$500*		0	
Eagle Scout Awards	*$150*		0	
ROTC Awards	*$150*		0	
Headstone Placement and Cleani	*$1,250*		*1348*	
Recruiting	*$700*		0	
Geneology Research	*$200*		461	
Bourne Ceremony	*$500*		*0*	
Other Good of the Order	*$500*		399.31	
Total Good of the Order	*$6,450*		4708.31	
Podcasts		**$150**	0	$150
Wreaths Across America Sponsorship		**$255**	255	$0
2021-2022 Dept Projects		**$7,000**	650	$6,350
Miscellaneous		**$1,000**	1054.65	-$55
TOTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET		$39,630	28385.49	$11,245

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Dear Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

On behalf of Project New Hope, Inc., I would like to thank you for your generous donation.

Through our many services, we can accommodate a multiple of needs. Our food and baby pantries provide basic needs, such as toiletries, healthy nutrition options, diapers, and clothing. Our social events and outreach activities provide community connections and peer support. Our retreats provide hands on healing opportunities for Military Servicemen, Veterans, and their families, who have experienced the invisible wounds of war. Our new case management program helps "connect the dots" for those struggling with the inherent complexity of our current military system.

Since we are connected with all branches of the US Military, we often work closely with the Veteran Service Organizations, VA programs and Military family and Veteran led organizations. Having these connections allows us to focus more on the individual, families, and children.

As always, thank you for your endless support, you are all deeply appreciated, and we can never thank you enough for supporting our values and mission.

Regards,

Susan Wilder
Executive Assistant to President and CEO Bill Moore

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